

AMENDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT SO AS TO PROVIDE
FOR EQUALITY OF GRADE, PAY, AND ALLOWANCE BETWEEN
THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF THE COAST GUARD AND COM-
PARABLE OFFICERS IN THE ARMY

JULY 1, 1952.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State
of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. HARRIS, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign
Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 7722]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was
referred the bill (H. R. 7722) to amend the Public Health Service Act
so as to provide for equality of grade, pay, and allowance between the
Chief Medical Officer of the Coast Guard and comparable officers of
the Army, having considered the same, report favorably thereon
without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

This bill amends section 206 (a) of the Public Health Service Act
(42 U. S. C. 207 (a)), so as to provide that the Public Health Service
officer assigned as Chief Medical Officer of the United States Coast
Guard shall, while assigned as such, have the grade corresponding with
the grade of major general, with the pay and allowances thereof.

Section 205 (b) of the Public Health Service Act provides for six
statutory Assistant Surgeon General positions, as follows: The Director
of the National Institutes of Health, the Chief of the Bureau of State
Services, the Chief of the Bureau of Medical Services, the Chief
Medical Officer of the Coast Guard, the Chief Dental Officer of the
Service and the Chief Sanitary Engineering Officer of the Service.
With the exception of the Chief Dental Officer of the Service, whose
grade is tied by statute to that of the Chief Dental Officer of the
Army, these Assistant Surgeons General may hold the grade corre-
sponding with either the grade of brigadier general or that of major
general. At the present time, as the result of administrative action,

all except the Chief Medical Officer of the Coast Guard hold the higher of these two grades. Your committee believes that all six positions should have the same grade, and it is the purpose of this bill to assure such uniformity.

A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury is as follows:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, June 30, 1952.

Hon. ROBERT CROSSER,
Chairman, Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
House of Representatives, Room 1334,
House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Further reference is made to your letter of May 7, 1952, in which you request the views of the Treasury Department on H. R. 7722, to amend the Public Health Service Act so as to provide for equality of grade, pay, and allowance between the Chief Medical Officer of the Coast Guard and comparable officers of the Army.

The purpose of H. R. 7722 is to amend the Public Health Service Act so as to provide that any officer of the Public Health Service while serving as medical officer of the Coast Guard shall have the grade corresponding to that of major general in the Army.

The duties and responsibilities of the Chief Medical Officer of the Coast Guard have vastly increased since the expansion of the Coast Guard following the outbreak of hostilities in Korea. The varied duties of this office include supervision of the medical welfare of approximately 35,000 members of the Coast Guard and their dependents; the over-all supervision of medical officers and facilities under the direct control of the Coast Guard; the reviewing of boards of medical survey, and physical examinations; and the over-all planning of all matters pertaining to the health of Coast Guard personnel.

The Treasury Department is of the opinion that the responsibilities of the position of Chief Medical Officer of the Coast Guard fully justify the grade corresponding to that of major general in the Army for any Public Health Service officer during the time he holds the office.

The Department has been advised by the Bureau of the Budget that there is no objection to the submission of this report to your committee.

Very truly yours,

A. N. OVERBY,
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

RAMSEYER RULE

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 2a, rule XIII, of the Rules of the House of Representatives, proposed changes in existing law are indicated below with the matter proposed to be omitted in black brackets, and the new matter proposed to be inserted in italics.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT, AS AMENDED

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SEC 206 (a) The Surgeon General, during the period of his appointment as such, shall be of the same grade, with the same pay and allowances as the Surgeon General of the Army; the Deputy Surgeon General and the *Chief Medical Officer of the United States Coast Guard*, while assigned as such, shall have the grade corresponding with the grade of major general, with the pay and allowances thereof; and the Chief Dental Officer while assigned as such, shall have the grade with the same pay and allowances, as is prescribed by law for the officer of the Dental Corps selected and appointed as Assistant Surgeon General of the Army. Assistant Surgeons General, while assigned as such, shall have the grade, with the pay and allowances thereof, corresponding with either the grade of brigadier general or the grade of major general, as may be determined by the Administrator after considering the importance of the duties to be performed: *Provided, That the number of Assistant Surgeons General having a grade higher*

than that corresponding to the grade of brigadier general shall at no time exceed one-half of the number of positions created by subsection (b) of section 205 or pursuant to subsection (c) of such section. The grades of commissioned officers of the Service shall correspond with grades of officers of the Army as follows:

- (1) Officers of the director grade—colonel;
- (2) Officers of the senior grade—lieutenant colonel;
- (3) Officers of the full grade—major;
- (4) Officers of the senior assistant grade—captain;
- (5) Officers of the assistant grade—first lieutenant; and
- (6) Officers of the junior assistant grade—second lieutenant.

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than that corresponding to the grade of labor her classification at no time exceed one-half of the number of positions covered by section 150 of section 203 of the Public Health Service Act. The grade of communication officer pursuant to section 150 of the Public Health Service Act shall be determined by the Director of the Public Health Service, with a view to the interests of the Service as follows:

- (1) Officers of the Public Health Service—General.
- (2) Officers of the Public Health Service—Special.
- (3) Officers of the Public Health Service—Medical.
- (4) Officers of the Public Health Service—Nursing.
- (5) Officers of the Public Health Service—Dental.
- (6) Officers of the Public Health Service—Pharmaceutical.
- (7) Officers of the Public Health Service—Veterinary.
- (8) Officers of the Public Health Service—Laboratory.
- (9) Officers of the Public Health Service—Public Health.
- (10) Officers of the Public Health Service—Sanitary.
- (11) Officers of the Public Health Service—Epidemiological.
- (12) Officers of the Public Health Service—Administrative.
- (13) Officers of the Public Health Service—Educational.
- (14) Officers of the Public Health Service—Research.
- (15) Officers of the Public Health Service—Inspection.
- (16) Officers of the Public Health Service—Investigation.
- (17) Officers of the Public Health Service—Consultation.
- (18) Officers of the Public Health Service—Training.
- (19) Officers of the Public Health Service—Extension.
- (20) Officers of the Public Health Service—Publicity.
- (21) Officers of the Public Health Service—Public Relations.
- (22) Officers of the Public Health Service—Public Information.
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